Current Initiatives

Tomales Bay Biodiversity Inventory

Subtidal Habitat Mapping and Marine Protected Area Design

Environmental History of Tomales Bay

Online Research Catalogue

Coastal Research Grants

Coastal Science Review newsletter

Biological Science Aid career opportunities

Science behind the Scenery media presentations

Partnerships

University of California, Berkeley - University of California, Davis - Stanford University - Sonoma State University - Tomales Bay Watershed Council - Moss Landing Marine Laboratory - San Francisco State University - Point Reyes Bird Observatory -Point Reyes National Seashore Association -Audubon Canyon Ranch - NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries - California Department of Fish and Game - USGS Biological Resources Division - National Marine Fisheries Service - California Department of Parks and Recreation - Bodega Marine Laboratory - Environmental Action Committee of West Marin - California Academy of Sciences - All Species Foundation

National Research Learning Centers

All Research Learning Centers seek to expand the scope and effectiveness of research in the National Parks to the benefit of science-based decision making and preservation of resources. These centers are a component of the "Natural Resource Challenge," a national endeavor that has dramatically advanced management and protection of natural resources in the National Park system.



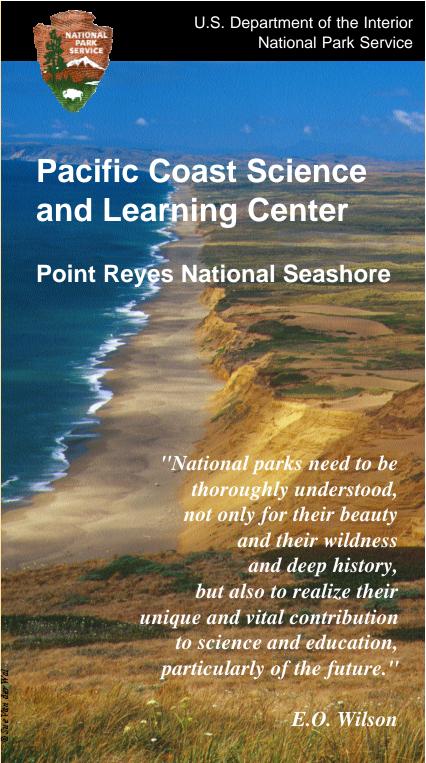
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With human populations dramatically increasing in coastal areas, the 21st century will present challenging environmental problems. Long-term preservation of Pacific Coast ecosystems requires the careful stewardship and commitment of scientists and citizens to provide meaningful insight for future solutions.

The Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center meets this challenge by increasing the scope and effectiveness of research toward science-based management and preservation of our coastal resources. The center increases the amount of matching dollars supporting research, promotes research partnerships with universities and research groups, and makes new information about park resources accessible to a wide range of audiences.

The Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center serves the needs of all National Park sites within the San Francisco Bay Area including Golden Gate National Recreation Area, John Muir National Historic Site, Pinnacles National Monument, Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Point National Historic Site and Muir Woods National Monument.

SCIENCE



Researchers are provided with specific support to assist the National Park Service with understanding, managing, and preserving coastal ecosystems. These resources include matching funds, suggested research emphasis areas, boats, equipment storage areas, computer information systems, office space, low-cost housing, and access to our extensive biological and cultural datasets.



EDUCATION



Learners from a wide variety of backgrounds are provided opportunities to collaborate directly with researchers or engage in a variety of research-related educational programs. Neighboring communities, students, educators, and the public also have access to research data, resource issues, and science-based management decisions.



PARTNERSHIPS



The magnitude of this work will not be accomplished by the National Park Service alone. A wide spectrum of partners provide a critical role in maximizing resources, leveraging expertise toward common preservation goals, and ensuring a sustainable future.

